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STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE**

TO ALL AREA COUNCIL MEMBERS

**There will be a Meeting of the Area Council on Saturday 10th June 2006 at 11.00am which is
to be held at: Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrew's Road, Leicester LE2 8RE. Tel: 0116-
2440028 Fax: 0116-2440645.**

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Request for Permission to be Absent.
3. Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Areas Meeting held on 4th February 2006.
4. Matters/Actions Arising from the 4th February 2006 Meeting which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
5. To receive a proposal from South Midland Area that in the Helicopter 'B' Certificate test, the Hovering 'M' be deleted and replaced with the 'Pilot's Pirouette', as described in the attached document.

6. To receive a proposal from North West Area that in the Helicopter 'B' certificate, the Hovering 'M' be deleted and replaced with a 'Double Hovering Pirouette', (see attached wording for the Standards document.)
7. To receive a proposal from North West Area that the following section be added to both the Helicopter 'A' and 'B' Standards documents.
Throughout the duration of the test the pilot should be aware of the movement of other users on the site. This is extremely important and any pilot who initiates a manoeuvre that may endanger another site user or who fails to notice the movement of people who might be putting themselves into danger should be failed.
Any candidate who decides to abort a manoeuvre to avoid any unexpected and unforeseen movement of other site users should not be penalised and, at the examiner's discretion, should be allowed to continue the test as soon as it is safe to do so.
8. To receive a proposal from North West Area that all references to the wind direction should be removed from both the helicopter 'A' and 'B' tests and the helicopter 'A' and 'B' standards documents.
9. To receive a proposal from North West Area that where directions are given to the candidate to position from one manoeuvre to another in the Helicopter 'B' standards document, these should be omitted.
10. To receive a proposal from North West Area that the Single Stall Turn in the Helicopter 'B' certificate be deleted and replaced with a Figure of Eight, at circuit height with the crossover in front of the pilot (wording for the Helicopter 'B' Standards document attached).
11. To receive a proposal from North West Area that the distances in the Top Hat manoeuvre description and diagram in the Helicopter 'B' Certificate Standards document be increased to 10m long and 4m high for the central part of the manoeuvre.
12. To receive a proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, that the 'C' Certificate (Fixed Wing) is re-named to be the 'C' Certificate (Aerobatics).
That is C(FW) to become C(AE).
The date of inception to be as soon as the office database can be modified to accept the new designation.
13. To receive a proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, that a new level of tested Instructor be instituted in the BMFA Instructor Scheme, the Qualified Instructor QI(FW).
The criteria for this grade of instructor will be that they have been an Approved Instructor for one year and that they have held a relevant 'B' certificate for six months.
The QI qualification will be automatic on satisfying both of these requirements.
14. To receive a proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, that the following changes be made to the Achievement Scheme re-test regulations for both 'A', 'B' and 'E' and Instructor re-tests. Please note that only paragraph (1) of the relevant sections is altered so the rest of each of the sections is not shown.

'A', 'B' and 'E' CERTIFICATE RE-TESTS

(1) Any Club or Area may apply to their local Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC) to have any member re-tested for 'A', 'B' or 'E' certificates. **Requests from a Club must be on Club headed notepaper and must be signed by at least two current Club Committee members. Requests from an Area must be on Area headed Notepaper and signed by at least two current Officers of the Area.**

APPROVED INSTRUCTOR RE-TESTS

(1) Any Club or Area may apply to their local Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC) to have any Approved Instructor re-tested. **Requests from a Club must be on Club headed notepaper and must be signed by at least two current Club Committee members. Requests from an Area must be on Area headed Notepaper and signed by at least two current Officers of the Area.**

15. To receive a proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, that the following paragraph is added to both the Helicopter 'A' Certificate and Helicopter 'B' Certificate tests.
The test flight must be made outdoors. No artificial stabilisation is allowed other than a tail rotor gyro and helicopters with contra-rotating main rotors may not be used.

The test guidelines for Helicopter 'A' and 'B' will be altered to reflect these new conditions.

16. To receive a proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, that the attached version 5 of the 'A' Certificate (Fixed Wing) Standards Document be accepted.
17. To receive a proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, that the attached version 4 of the 'B' Certificate (Fixed Wing) Standards Document be accepted.
18. To receive a proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, that the attached version 5 of the 'A' Certificate (Helicopter) Standards Document be accepted.
19. To receive a proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, that the attached version 5 of the 'B' Certificate (Helicopter) Standards Document be accepted.
This is with the proviso that this meeting has proposals before it that will change certain aspects of the Standards Document when decisions on them are finally made.
20. To receive a proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, that the attached draft version 1 of the 'A' Certificate (Silent Flight - Thermal) Standards Document be accepted.
21. To receive a proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, that the attached draft version 1 of the 'B' Certificate (Silent Flight - Thermal) Standards Document be accepted.
22. To receive a proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, that the attached draft version 1 of the 'A' Certificate (Silent Flight - Slope) Standards Document be accepted.
23. To receive a proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, that the attached draft version 1 of the 'B' Certificate (Silent Flight - Slope) Standards Document be accepted.
24. To receive a proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, that the attached draft version 1 of the 'A' Certificate (Silent Flight - Electric) Standards Document be accepted.
25. To receive a proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, that the attached draft version 1 of the 'B' Certificate (Silent Flight - Electric) Standards Document be accepted.

26. To discuss Beaulieu Model Flying Committee (2523) affiliation.
27. To receive reports from the Achievement Scheme Controllers.
 - a) Power
 - b) Silent Flight
28. To receive any reports from committees or co-ordinators related to the business of this meeting.
 - a) Achievement Scheme Review Committee
 - b) Flight Challenge
 - c) Education
29. To receive reports from Area Committees. (Please ensure your Area prepares a maximum of 1 x A4 page synopsis of your report for the meeting. Photocopying facilities are available at Chacksfield House if required.)
30. To receive any reports from the Office and any Elected Officers, specifically relating to Areas Council.
31. To review Area Constitution.
32. Any Other Business.
Note: Items for Any Other Business must be handed to the Chairman of the Meeting **IN WRITING** before the meeting commences. This will be strictly enforced.
33. To confirm date of next Areas Council meeting.



LIST OF REDUCED FEES
FROM 1ST JULY 2006

ORDINARY FULL MEMBERSHIP FEES

SENIORS	£20.00	JUNIORS	£12.00
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FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FEES

SENIORS	£20.00	PARTNERS	£13.00	JUNIORS	£9.00
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OLD WARDEN SCHOOLS DAY

JUNE 14TH 2006

As in previous years the BMFA has been asked to participate in this event and to organise the model flying on behalf of Old Warden.

Around 300 children are expected to be invited to the event and the aim is to give as many as possible the chance to pilot a model aircraft on the Buddy Box.

If you would like to be involved with this event, either as a pilot (B cert and own training aircraft required) or as a helper then please contact me at the BMFA office on 0116 244 0028.

Manny Williamson, Development Officer

SOUTH WEST AREA B.M.F.A. Insurance Meeting.

The South West Area have arranged for Graham Lynn, Dave Phipps and a Representative of our insurance brokers to come down for a meeting to discuss the B.M.F.A. insurance.

All members of the B.M.F.A. are urged to attend, whether you are a country member or part of an affiliated club. The Area Delegate, Mike Chignell, is compiling an initial list of questions to be put forward. If you wish to contact Mike with your question before the meeting, he can be contacted by email; mike@bramblehay.freeserve.co.uk

The meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd June, starting at 7pm, at The Royal British Legion, 3, Station Road, Okehampton, Devon. EX20 1DY.

Note from Secretary to Country Members.

As I do not have access to Country Members details, I cannot send you the same information regarding the South West area as I send out to all the clubs. If you would like to be added to the Area mailing list please contact me by phone 01409 241058 or by email: clawcross@btinternet.com

F3C EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2006

Urgently seeking helicopter enthusiasts with scale and / or vintage R/C helicopter Models, willing to display said models (static or flying) at this year's European F3C Championships in Blandford Forum, Dorset on August 10th, 11th & 12th.

For more information please contact Adrian Richmond on 07751 941592 or email ady.rich@virgin.net

Report on the Areas Council Meeting held on 4th February 2006

Appointment of Areas Council Awards Committee representative for 2006

Gordon Warburton FSMAE was appointed to the above position.

Ratification of Achievement Scheme Review Committee members for 2006.

The following ASRC members were ratified:

Terry Rounce – Chairman	Dick Whitehead
Mick Eames	Bob Mahoney
Chris Bromley FSMAE	Martin Godden
Peter Spurway	John Harris

Radio Control Achievement Schemes Document

A proposal was put forward from the Technical Secretary to review and ratify the 'BMFA Radio Control Achievement Schemes 2006' document.

The document was ratified by a unanimous vote.

Chief Examiner ratifications:

J P Turner – Area Chief Examiner (Silent Flight) for Midland Area.
Garry Peacock – Area Chief Examiner (Fixed Wing) for East Anglia Area.
Tim Whitcombe – Area Chief Examiner (Fixed Wing and Helicopter) for Mid West Area.
Nicholas Minchin – Area Chief Examiner (Fixed Wing) for Mid West Area.

Power Achievement Scheme Controller

A written report was provided which covered the following:

For an Area Chief Examiner to remain appointed, two conditions have to be satisfied. They must be ratified by their Area Committee and have paid their subs. The BMFA membership expires on 31 December each year. During the remainder of this month he will be rechecking the database, anyone not fulfilling both conditions will be removed.

Examiner pass forms are still being sent to the office incomplete. Improper completion of the form involves more people in more work, additional postage, and delay for the candidate. At some time in the future the form may be redesigned so that a Club official does not have to sign acceptance of the candidate.

Report on the Technical Council Meeting held on the 4th March 2006

Team Selection Dates

The issue of variable team selection date was discussed at the last meeting and Tech Committee representatives were asked to consult with their respective committees whether they required a change to the current procedure and bring some ideas back to this meeting. This was with the intention of putting those ideas to the Accounts Department to discuss whether it would be possible to implement a variable scheme.

Silent Flight and R/C Power were the only two Tech Committees who declared at this meeting that they would like the option of a variable scheme. They were asked to consult with the relevant Specialist Bodies and to collate the information and send in a memo to Tech Sec and Comp Sec.

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